

severe manifestations or complications of the disease, such as impending airway obstruction, hemolytic anemia, severe thrombocytopenia, considerable neurologic involvement and myocarditis. Prednisone in dosages of 60 to 80 mg a day is given. Because the response is usually rapid, the dosage may be tapered over one to two weeks.

Transfusions are seldom necessary in uncomplicated IM. If required they should be given at 37°C because a patient with anemia nearly always has cold agglutinins.

Finally, because the EBV can be cultured for

several months from a patient's lymphocytes, blood donation should be postponed for at least six months after the onset of the illness.

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